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Dear Mr. Havens, Mr. Curry, and Mr. Wubben:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Deschutes Urban Community Water Plan. We appreciate your active interest and participation in water quality issues in the Deschutes River Watershed, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet.

Your letter brings up some important points for EPA to be aware of as we continue to work in the watershed, both in developing replacement Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the disapproved portions of the Deschutes River multi-parameter TMDL, as well as our review of and decision on any proposed TMDLs for Budd Inlet or Capitol Lake from the Washington Department of Ecology ('Ecology').

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Also, if you have not already, we encourage you to share these findings with Ecology.

In addition, EPA is coordinating with Ecology as we develop replacement TMDLs for the disapproved portions of the Deschutes River multi-parameter TMDL, to ensure consistency between Budd Inlet and Deschutes River TMDL work. EPA also plans to provide regular updates to stakeholders on progress made, as well as make the draft TMDL available for public comment. CLIPA may provide comments at that time as well.

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Continued community engagement. As the above two points highlight, community engagement is critical to ensuring that actions and management decisions in the Deschutes River watershed consider the perspectives of all affected stakeholders. We encourage CLIPA to keep participating through those avenues.

Thank you again for reaching out to us. If you have questions about the Deschutes River TMDLs which EPA is working on, you may contact David Croxton at (206) 553-6694.